GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEW U.N. TREATY
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries who have signed new U.N. Treaty that aimed at cutting of funding for terrorist activities;

(b) the aims of the new treaty;

(c) whether the subscribing States are also likely to cooperate in the matter of investigations, extraditions and funds known to be allocated for terrorist purposes;

(d) whether India had approached the U.N. General Assembly to declare the Pakistan a Terrorist State; and

(e) if so, the response of the U.N. General Assembly in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Algeria, Comros, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, The Netherlands, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and United States of America have so far signed the International Convention for the Suppression ofFinancing of Terrorism adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9th December, 1999.

(b) Financing lies at the core of the problem of combating terrorism. Till now no international legal instrument existed covering this area. The Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Financing concluded under the auspices of the United Nations in 1999 is aimed at bridging this gap.

(c) The Convention lays down on States Parties the duty to extradite or prosecute the offenders. The States Parties are also obliged to take appropriate measures for the confiscation of funds used or allocated for the purpose of committing the offences covered by the Convention.

(d) & (e) India has not approached the U.N. General Assembly to declare Pakistan a terrorist State, as the U.N. General Assembly does not have a practice of designating countries terrorist States. India has, however, repeatedly raised the problem of cross-border terrorism at the U.N. and proposed a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism to address the problem of state responsibility to refrain from and prevent acts of terrorism.